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second folded edge portions of the first and second sheathing elements with those second folded edge sections being located in the groove formed by the first folded edge portion of the third element, and throughout utilising mounting means with the mounting tabs to affix the sheathing elements to the support.--

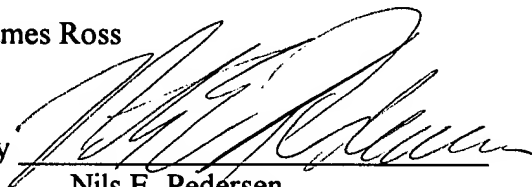
### REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

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